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PATENT APPLICATION

APPARATUS FOR ETCHING SEMI-  
CONDUCTOR SAMPLES AND A  
SOURCE FOR PROVIDING A GAS  
BY SUBLIMATION THERETO

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§1.51, 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, a copy of the art identified on attached form PTO-1449 is enclosed herewith as a citation in connection with the captioned application. The applicants hereby request the Examiner to review and make an independent evaluation of the art. A copy of each reference is provided.

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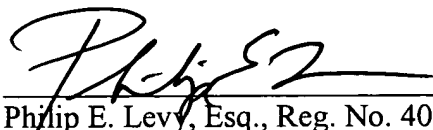
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Applicants believe that their APPARATUS FOR ETCHING SEMICONDUCTOR SAMPLES AND A SOURCE FOR PROVIDING A GAS BBY SUBLIMATION THERETO as described and claimed in the present application is neither taught nor suggested by this prior art. Accordingly, applicants' invention is believed to be patentable over these prior art references.

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